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TITLE OF INVENTION: STATELESS MESSAGE ROUTING

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/735,696	MAN-HAK TSO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	AWET HAILE	2416	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 10 April 2009.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-15, 20-26 and 29-33.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/AWET HAILE/ Examiner, Art Unit 2416	/Aung S. Moe/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2416
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Examiner Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Palan Stephen (Reg. No. 43, 420) on 06/01/2009.

Claims 16-19 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 30 has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A method of processing incoming data, comprising:
storing, by a router, historical data for a destination host;
receiving, by the router, incoming data; and
determining, by the router, that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the stored historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;
generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and

multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

Claim 30. A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:

store historical data for the destination host;

receive incoming data; and

determine that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;

generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and

multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

101 issues

Since applicant has amended independent claims 1, 23 and 30, the 101 issue regarding claims 1, 23 and 30 has now been resolved.

Support for the occurrence of "a computer readable storage medium" in claim 30 line 1, is also verified (see specification paragraphs 17 and 24, i.e. CD-ROM/ DRAM/EEPROM).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1-6, 8-15, 20-26 and 29-33** are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

For claims **1-6, 8-15, 20-26 and 29-33**, the prior arts failed to teach or fairly suggest the claim limitations;

Clam.1 A method of processing incoming data, comprising:

storing, by a router, historical data for a destination host;

receiving, by the router, incoming data; and

determining, by the router, that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the stored historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;

generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and
multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

Claim 23, A method of processing messages comprising: storing, by a router, historical data for one or more destination hosts; receiving, by the router, control data; receiving, by the router, a message over a first connection, the message being associated with the one or more destination hosts;

determining, by the router, that stateless routing of the message is to be employed based on the historical data and the control data, wherein the determination is based on a generated probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed;

storing, by the router, the message only in volatile memory and withholding confirmation of receipt of the message if it is determined that stateless routing is to be employed; sending, by the router, the message to the one or more destination hosts over additional connections forming one or more virtual circuits;

receiving, by the router, confirmation of delivery from one or more destination hosts associated with the message; and sending, by the router, the confirmation of receipt to a sender of the message.

Claim 30, A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:

store historical data for the destination host;

receive incoming data; and

determine that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;

generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and

multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, Taylor (US 7487212 B2) ,Nielsen et al(US 2003/0074413 A1), Gazsi et al(US 7079538A1), Hannel et al(US 7194535 B2), Obrien et al(US 6351776 B1), Horvitz et al(US 2003/0101190 A1), Bracewell et al(US 2006/0036683 A1), Anson et al(US 2002/0116524 A1), stack et al (US 2008/0228892 A1), Gordon et al(US 7202978 B2), and Hill et al(US 6161198) are recited to show stateless routing.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AWET HAILE whose telephone number is (571)270-3114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Aung Moe can be reached on (571)272-7314. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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